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The percent of female college students that take diet pills.

> Source: American College Health Association

# **Online fraud strikes GCSU**

How to identify and prevent a scam

Rule 1: Look at the sender of the check. Be skeptical of individuals representing themselves as Nigerian or foreign government officials in any transaction.

Rule 2: Check the date of the check. Checks do not clear the next day. The average bank draft or cashiers check can take two weeks to clear, not two days.



Rule 3: Look at the account number. If the account number reads an outlandish number 000999900005, it is fake.

BY DEVIN VERNICK

SENIOR REPORTER

theft, on the internet, have

run rampant for the last

several years, and recently

the problem has come to

to sell her digital camera

through Facebook, where

an internet con man was

waiting to make the first

offer. In late August, an

unknown person contacted

the student, who wishes to

remain unidentified, and

sent her a \$2,000 counter-

fiet check to pay for the

Internet Crime Complaint

Center, a Web site created

by the Federal Bureau of

Investigation and the

National White Collar

Crime Center, the 419

scam, or Nigerian Fraud

Scheme, targets individu-

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cost of the camera.

According

One GCSU student tried

Facebook, and to GCSU.

Identity and money

Rule 4: Do not trust any Cashier's check. They are not as good as cash. Banks rarely

check for watermarks, which could identify counterfeit money orders.

Tips to Avoid '419' Fraud:

•If you receive a letter from Nigeria asking you to send personal or banking information, do not reply in any manner. Send the letter to the U.S. Secret Service

•If you know someone who is corresponding in one of these schemes, encourage that person to contact the FBI or the U.S. Secret Service as soon as possible.

•Be skeptical of individuals representing themselves as Nigerian or foreign government officials asking for your help in placing large sums of money in overseas bank accounts.

•Do not believe the promise of large sums of money for your cooperation.

•Guard your account information carefully.

fied advertisements to sell merchandise. The scam artist, who is from out of the country, e-mails the victim to express an interest in the item and states that the method of payment will be a U.S. bank cashier's check. In the student's case, the thief used Facebook.

The scam artist then

tells the victim that the payment will be a cashier's check that is several thousand dollars more than the price of the item being purchased. The scam artist asks the victim to wire the difference between the check and the purchase price after the

check clears. Once the victim's bank **Rule 5:** Do not believe the promise of large sums of money for your cooperation.

cashes the check, they then wire the balance to the scam artist in Africa. Typically within seven to 21 days, the victim learns from his or her bank that the check was counterfeit and that they must return the full amount to the bank.

The fraud is particular dangerous because people often consider cashier's checks to be the same as cash and would have no reason to doubt the check's authenticity. Even worse, the counterfeit checks are impressive replicas that are difficult to spot, even by the banks that are clearing and cashing the

checks. Moreover, In some cases, the scam artist is able to convince the seller that some circumstance has arisen that necessitates

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# Coffee giant causes 'brew' haha

BY WESLEY TANNER STAFF WRITER

The well-known café, Starbucks, is bringing business Milledgeville and competition to Blackbird, a café that has become a local favorite of college students and the rest of the community alike. Starbucks has the reputation of being one of the most successful chains in the coffee industry as well as the most widespread.

"I do believe we'll loose some business at first," says Blackbird employee Chris Avirett. "New businesses in Milledgeville are like crack.'

However, Avirett added that most of the Blackbird business receives is from the college and run-off from other businesses downtown to begin with.

Located off Highway 441 at the corner of Roberson Mill Road, the Starbucks is being constructed in the parking lot of the Milledgeville Mall.

When students were asked whether they believe Starbucks will draw business from Blackbird, the location

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# GCSU gets its Mac on

BY AMANDA BODY STAFF WRITER

This summer, three computer labs in the Arts and Sciences building were changed from PCs to Macs.

The reason for the change?

Jeff Delaney, the manager for tech support services, tells us that the new Macs are a lot easier to use than the PCs. The Macs in the new lab are "dualboot," meaning that they have an Intel chip inside of them that lets the user choose between using Microsoft applications or the Mac operating system. They can be used as a PC or as a Mac.

This is helpful for students who are not used to, or do not know how to use, a Mac.

The Macs are practical because they have an integrated monitor and CPU. It is one piece of equipment with only one plug-

"The Macs also look a lot nicer" Delaney said.

In addition, Macs have a lot of applications that PCs lack. The Garage Band application makes it possible for students to record their voices or music for a class or just for fun.

The Macs also have a photobooth, which allows users to take a picture of themselves using different photo settings on the computer.

Macs are also less prone to viruses than PCs. A second reason that the school is so proactive about adding more Mac

labs to the campus is that, with the amount of labs before, teachers were having a hard time reserving them for their classes.

In order to use any of the labs, a teacher must schedule a time with the dean.

students Many GCSU are becoming fast

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ERIN GISH / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER GCSU student Nick Simmons works on the Mac computers in the labs in the Info Tech Center of the library.



SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE Tyler Flowers graduated from GCSU in 2007, and is now human-interest intern for the David Letterman organizing

# the "Stupid Human and Pet Tricks" segments. **Alumnus hits** the big apple

BY CHELSEA THOMAS STAFF REPORTER

Many students do not jump from graduation to living in New York City after living a charmed life in Milledgeville for four years. Yet living big is what Tyler Flowers, former student at GCSU, is all about. He was a senior this Spring and decided to pursue his dream of interning with David Letterman. After his second application, Flowers

found out he was one of

the few accepted to intern in New York City with the CBS "Late Show with David Letterman" starting fall 2007.

"I was so excited when I found out. I was freaking out and all my friends were like 'What is he

doing?" Flowers said.
While at GCSU, Flowers was known for being a humble, energetic student constantly pushing to be better and learn more.

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# Students anticipate rejection

# Where to go when turned down from a college

BY ROCHELLE SMALLS STAFF WRITER

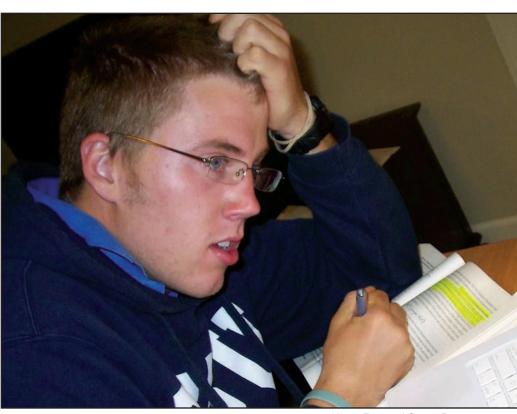
Often while applying for college, students are told that the hardest part is actually getting accepted to the school of one's choice. However, this has not always proven to be true for all students at GCSU and several other Georgia colleges.

Students who wish to major in education, business, nursing, mass communication and kinesiology have found that in addition to applying to college, they also have to apply to study their intended major. The students who are accepted into their major are ecstatic, but what happens to students that don't get accepted?

There are several options for those students, and Shaina McGill, the senior director of the center for student success, is the person that is of assistance when students find out that they have not been accept-

McGill realizes that "programs have become more competitive," and finds that one of the best ways to get accepted actually starts with one's mindset during their freshman

Students, many times, believe that core classes are of no real importance. They believe that "once I hit my major, then I can become passionate," said McGill. This tends to lead to students having lower GPAs; hence, they have a harder time getting accepted.



KATIE RAGAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Elliott Smith panics over all the paperwork and forms needed to apply for departmental programs like Mass Comm. and Education.

reaching their junior year only to realize that their mindset may have slightly deterred their dreams, McGill has been giving informative speeches. These speeches are being given to freshman seminar classes and are used as encouragement tools that remind students to do one's

While solving the problem at the root is a great plan, some students fall into the category where this solution was created too late. These students seem to find themselves lost and confused about what their next move should be.

When sitting down and talking to these students To prevent students from about their options, McGill

always stays encouraging to insure that students aren't turned away from their dreams. She always thinks, "What can we (GCSU) do that is support-

The only way to figure out each student's individual situation is to have an "honest conversation." In this conversation, McGill figures out what classes a student could possibly retake and improve their GPA. This option allows students to reapply with better standings.

Another option McGill stresses is finding a minor that is related. This choice allows students to enhance their knowledge of the degree they are seeking.

Just as the previous option, when students reapply, their standings are often better.

Ultimately, McGill acknowledges the problem of students not getting into majors, and she is always searching for new ways to fix this problem before it becomes a crisis.

Kimberly Strnad, a special education major, remembers when she applied to the program and the feelings she encountered.

Thinking about the exciting program the special education cohort had to offer, helped to keep me from getting too anxious interview," during my Strnad said.

Mary Jean Land, the mass communication chair, believes that having seperate entry requirements leads to "small student to faculty ratio and quality rather than quantity.

Seperate requirements were put on many majors because they were growing so fast. Surprisingly, additional requirements has not seemed to turn people away from certain majors, but instead it seems that the amount of entries received is growing even faster.

GCSU is not the only college that is experiencing an influx of applicants with only a certain amount of students that will be accepted. This has become an issue amongst many Georgia colleges. While causing students to apply for their major may seem like a hassle, it is creating students who are becoming more competitive when it comes to obtaining a higher level of education.

# **Fraud**

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the cancellation of the sale, and is successful in conning the victim into sending the remainder of the money.

Unfortunately, fraud is almost impossible to investigate without federal law enforcement, to the dismay of thousands who fall victim every year.

"If it's international in origin, it becomes a federal matter," GCSU detective Robert Butler said. "But the F.B.I. doesn't get involved unless it's over \$10,000." Like most law enforce-

ment officers, Butler believes fraud is best averted through educating the public to spot danger before becoming a victim. "If I could put someone

in jail, I would -- but the best thing we can do is warn everybody on campus," Butler said. The particular scheme

takes different forms. Some involve receiving an unsolicited fax, email letter concerning Nigeria, or another African nation, containing either a money laundering or other illegal proposal. More often, the potential victim receives a legal and legitimate business proposal by normal means as well.

Scammers typically

target the elderly, and many of these cases go unreported because victims are too embarrassed

to report. Several reports concerning these crimes have occurred at GCSU. The most recent took place several weeks ago. The victim, a GCSU student, had \$2,000 stolen via an

online 419 scam. Megan Scott, a GCSU senior, is aware of the trouble scamsters and identity thieves try to cause.

"My dad has received a phone call from the bank about a check worth more than \$1,000 that was waiting to be cashed by him, but it was actually being done by a person who had been able to duplicate one of his checks," Scott said.

When fraud or identity theft occurs, very seldom does an arrest take place. Most often, it's too late to track criminals down by the time the victim realizes what has happened, or in the case of the 419 scam, the criminal is hidden overseas.

"Many times, these people will talk to you over the phone and ask you to send half the money now and half later in an effort to sound nice. They're particularly clever," Butler said.

According to FBI, the best solution to identity theft and fraud is preven-

# Starbucks

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was the main topic of concern or the lack thereof. Many students believe that because of the remote location Starbucks will have little effect on the downtown café.

Rebecca Hattaway, a sophomore at GCSU, agrees. She believes most students on campus are not likely to drive into town just for coffee.

"I think that Blackbird will be unaffected. Blackbird has a good atmosphere and it has a good location."

Atmosphere another comparison made by many students when asked their opinion. Brian Wood, a senior, says that above all else Blackbird will always have a better atmosphere than Starbucks. "It's just much more laid back. Starbucks has those tall stools; Blackbird has couches. It's just chill."

Yet, not everyone is completely in Blackbird's corner. Wood continued that he knows many people who live by Lake Sinclair who go into town each morning to get coffee. With Starbucks on the way there will be no need for this crowd to continue into downtown Milledgeville.

Katelin Fendt, another senior at GCSU, says that Starbucks has better coffee and she would much rather make the drive down Highway 441 for it.

"I enjoy Starbucks' frappacinos. I'm glad it's coming. enjoy Blackbird's coffee though. Starbucks is very addictive. It has lots of caffeine," says Fendt.

So when it comes to coffee, maybe Blackbird is beat, but they can always rely on their good location and comfortable atmosphere as well as their community events that they have almost every day.

Davis Stine, a sophomore, comments on this, "I don't drink coffee but I enjoy socializing Blackbird. There always something to do or someone to talk to."

Whatever the outcome, Starbucks is on its way and it is probably going to be here to stay. As senior mass communications student Whitney Fazio says, "Starbucks is taking over the world."





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# Faculty member runs to raise money for Lupus

BY KAYLIN STAUB STAFF WRITER

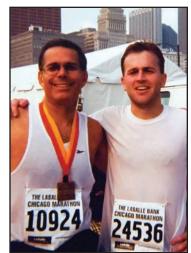
One of the five World Marathon Majors will occur in Chicago, Ill., on Oct. 7, and GCSU assistant director of University Communications, Zach Kinkaid, will make the journey to raise money for the Lupus Foundation of America.

Runners from all 50 states and over 120 countries will set out to accomplish a personal dream.

In the 2006 marathon, 5,000 runners raised over \$9.5 million to support 60 different charities. This the Chicago year, Marathon's 2007 Charity program supports 83 chariincluding American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Carey Pinkowski, Executive Race Director of the LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon believes the race is not only an example of athletic achievement, but also of compassion.

"There's a point at which people commit to the Marathon, and they're looking for something to add to that commitment," Pinkowski said. "The charity piece is an emotional and inspirational one that complements that. There's a higher meaning to cross- ease. Unfortunately, that



SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE Zach Kincaid with Dr. Eckhart Schnabel, professor of New Testament at Trinity Divinity School, pose after running in the Chicago Marathon in past years.

ing the finish line when others are relying on your efforts, and that emotion carries over to the mass of spectators encouraging them to consider such a challenge the following year."

Kinkaid is running to support the Lupus Foundation of America, an organization established to offer support and services

for Lupus patients. Lupus is an autoimmune disease that affects the skin, brain, kidneys, heart and other various parts of the body. Although for most it is a mild disease, for others it can be fatal. According to the LFA, approximately 1.5 million Americans suffer from the debilitating dis-

number is increasing daily. In fact, LFA studies show that more than 16,000 of Americans developing Lupus each year. Kinkaid says he is running for this particular charity because of Flannery O'Connor.

O'Connor, a famous southern novelist, Milledgeville resident, and GCSU's most notable alumna, died of the disease at 39. Her father died of Lupus when she was only 15. She has made a significant impact on Kinkaid along with the entire University.

'She is one of my literary heroes," Kinkaid said.

He believes that her momentous involvement in the university provided a "good context" in which to run the marathon. He has been running the past ten years and frequently participates in marathons.

"The marathons are a challenge, and that's what makes it rewarding,' Kinkaid said.

His goal is to raise \$1,000, and, to date, he has already raised \$740. To support Kinkaid in his race against Lupus, www.firstgiving.com/kinka id. For more information about participating in a race to support the Lupus Foundation visit their website at www.lupus.org. To learn more www.chicagomarathon.co

# Macs

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Mac fans. Freshman Heather Luyk is enjoying the benefits of Macs.

"I went to the Mac lab with my math modeling class and we learned how to use Garage Band for an assignment," Luyk said. "We had to describe a graph and make a recording on the Garage Band program. Learning how to use Garage Band was really easy, and I could do things on the Macs that I cannot do on a PC.

Elliot Holmes, a sophomore business major agrees and believes that Macs are more user friendly.

"Macs are friendlier for people who want to play with graphics and the software is more convenient for editing photos," Holmes said. "Also, when I am directing a short film, I A&S room 2-71, Chappell generally tend to use my Mac because the video editing software is superior to any PC's editing soft-

The new labs, which house about 25 computers each, are located in A&S rooms 1-41, 2-50 and 2-55. There are also two more PC

labs in the A&S building that will be converted into Mac labs at the end of the semester. GCSU is planning on adding four more Mac labs to the campus.

The labs will be converted at the end of the semester and will be located in Herty Hall room 3-08, room 2-07, and Atkinson Hall room 3-07.

The school is not converting completely to Macs, though. As far as labs go, they will end up being about half Macs and half PCs.

# **Flowers**

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"He improved, because more than anybody, he just dug into it and did things that were nonrequired," Jared Johnson, Video and Audio Productions professor and Flower's News Broadcasting teacher, said.

Flowers was involved in MBC4 the News Production first as the Technical Director that managed video tapes during the broadcastings. Then he served as the director, and finally he was the producer. He also helped with the University TV station.

"Doing it in school gave me experience," Flowers said. "I got so involved and loved teaching others.'

Part of his experience also came from working Bobcat Media Productions. He was appointed director his senior year. Flowers, and his friend Mike Taylor, also organized "Mock News Shows" that year with inspiration from "Saturday Night Live." Plus Flowers helped out with GCSU

"At GCSU, it's a small enough college to get help and the experience you need," says Flowers.

Flowers was also awarded for his efforts in the Third Annual Bald Shorts Film Festival sponsored by Alpha Lambda Delta. He was a part of the class that formed the "One Up Productions" that ultimately entered "The Final Slice" comedy film into the festival. Acting as the videographer, he shot the entire film. The film won two awards, the Best Bald Short and Best Bobcat Short on April 27, 2007.

"His dialogue and ideas were always good," Karen Bendersky, assistant professor of Psychology and a leader involved with the Bald Shorts Film Festival, said.

More than being an amazing videographer, Flowers was also a loved student and friend. He was very down to earth and friendly.

"He is easy to work with," Johnson said. "It's not hard for him to get along with people. He does that well."

Bendersky affirmed what Johnson said.

"While extremely skilled getting movies put together, he is also very appropriate with those who appear as a superior to him. respectful," is Beendersky said.

Flowers realizes that to get the most out of things you must have an open mind and teachable attitude.

At GCSU, Flowers was obviously very busy with all of his involvement in the Video Productions around campus. His senior year he even took the job to be the Georgia Military College traveling videographer for the 2006-2007 football season.

Throughout his time as a student at GCSU, it is obvious that Flowers never took the opportunities presented to him for granted and he always worked hard at everything and to the best of his ability.

"It is important to never get prideful," Flowers said. "I always kept an attitude that I could learn more. You have to keep an open mind. Be ready to explore the possibilities. It's important to ask questions."

Among applying for "The Late Show with David Letterman," Flowers also applied for internships to the Discovery Channel, Food Network, ČBS, ABC, and etc. CBS actually wanted to interview him the same day he heard back from David Letterman.

In his future, Flowers desires to be part of a major motion picture production.

"I would like to stay at Letterman if the opportunity is permitted to work with musical guests or working with the producers," Flowers said. "However, sometime in my golden years I want to work in movies."

Flowers is the humaninterest intern, constantly reading publications to find someone for the "Stupid Human Tricks" and "Stupid Pet Tricks" segments.

"It's a great chance for me. The culture is amazing," Flowers said. "I am adapting quickly to becoming part of the experience."

# GCSU plans to fight **HPV** with new vaccine

BY DANIELLE BRANTLEY STAFF WRITER

Every year, cervical cancer claims the lives of daughters, thousands: mothers, sisters, aunts and friends.

The leading cause of cervical cancer is human papillomavirus (HPV).

According to the American Cancer Society, HPV "is almost as common as the common cold virus." But with the help of a new vaccine, HPV is almost 100 percent preventable.

Student Health Services may offer the new HPV vaccine Gardasil, to help guard female students against forms of HPV that cause cervical cancer and genital warts.

Currently, the Baldwin Health Department is offering Gardasil for free until Sept. 30.

Rachel Sullivan, University Health Educator, urges students to request Gardasil at GCSU by taking a short survey on the Student Health Services website. Student's responses to the survey will gauge the demand for the vaccine.

Student Health Services will make the vaccine available if 100 students respond.

Angie Mason, Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, says Gardasil is very expensive, but worth the investment to secure your Gardasil cost \$360. However, insurance may pay for some of the cost.

# Students make a stand

Visit the Student Health Services website http://info.gcsu.edu/intranet/health services/studenthealth/ and take the HPV vaccine Gardasil survey to bring the vacine to GCSU.

"Cost is just the biggest issue. We will find out exactly what the demand is for Gardasil and there will be no charge for administering the vaccine. Students with major health insurance plans covering the vaccine could be reimbursed," Mason said.

For Sara Sellers, GCSU junior mass communication major, the cost was not an issue.

"My grandmother had cancer, different kinds run on both sides of my family," she said. "After my mom kept reminding me about the vaccine I called my doctor to set up an appointment and the insurance covered it 100 percent."

Amanda Lisby, GCSU senior marketing major, decided to get vaccinated over the summer.

"(The vaccine) is a series of three shots that are three months apart. There was a lot of swelling and soreness after," Lisby said.

Merck pharmaceutical company research shows that 74 percent of genital HPV cases in the United States occur in 15 to 24 year olds.

Sullivan says the risk for college students is greater because of trends

in sexual behavior.

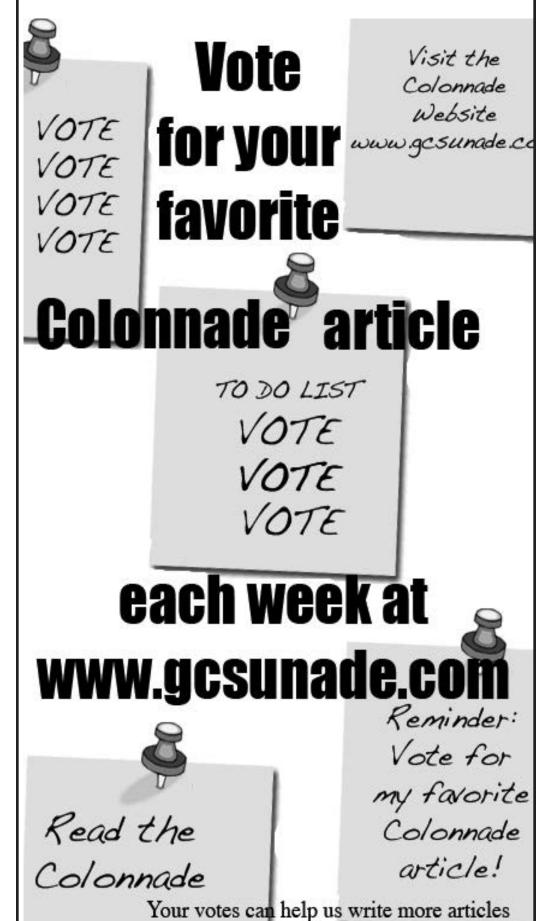
"During normal school hours seven to nine students get tested for STD's and about four to five test positive. 60 percent of the cases are Herpes and HPV. There are over one hundred different types of HPV, but the vaccine only protects against four. But four is better than none," Sullivan said.

The four types of HPV account for 70 percent of cervical cancer and 90 percent of genital wart cases, according to Merck.

Gardasil will not cure cervical cancer. However, the risk of contracting HPV is greater than the risk associated with any side effects from the vaccine.

Jennifer Graham-Stephens, Women's Resource Center coordinator, says that women who care about their health should show interest in the vaccine, but remember not to neglect their health because of the vaccine.

"It is important to note that the vaccine is preventive treatment," Stephens said. "It is imperative that we as women continue to get our Pap test every year and continue practicing safe sex — every time you



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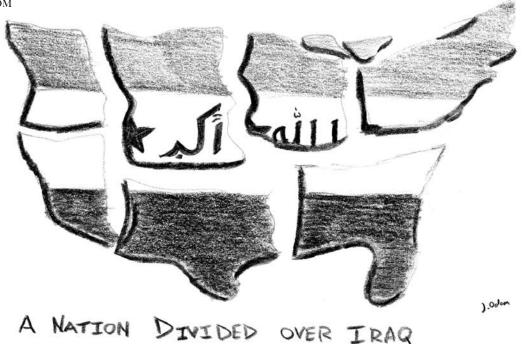
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## THE HARD PRESS

BY JAMES ODOM



# Too restrictive with gun control laws?



BY ANDREW ADAMS COLUMNIST

Among my most important duties as a journalist, is the duty to give a voice to opinions and points-ofview that might be overlooked in a rush to hop on the bandwagon. Two weeks ago, a horrific injustice was done to one of our fellow students, Wesley Crafton. I would like to make clear that I'm not Wesley friends with Crafton, in fact I've never met him. However, on this critical issue I feel it is necthan that presented by the school and The Colonnade last week.

Wesley Crafton isn't a homicidal maniac or terrorist like some people not justify the disdain he might think. In fact, he's more of a patriot than a terrorist. He has served the United States in the Marines. Furthermore, he was planning on continuing to serve his nation as a police officer. As reported two weeks ago, "he had no previous violations or noteworthy problems on his disciplinary record." All of his weapons were legally licensed to him by the United States government. The only crime that he committed was that he brought three handguns on school property.

The first thought that came into my mind when I learned that he had brought sounds to me like if you legally licensed guns onto are in college and you live

would he do it? Was it so that he could kill dozens of students for whose freedom he would have been willing to die? Was it so that he could threaten students whom he is hoping to one day protect as a police officer? Or did it have anything to do with Virginia Tech? Could it be that when Virginia Tech happened in April he thought that if only someone else at Virginia Tech had a gun then maybe the murder rate wouldn't have been so high? Considering the honorable background of this "criminal," I'm more inclined to believe the latter possibility.

There's no question that Wesley Crafton broke a law by violating the state's zero tolerance policy. But just because a law exists on the books, doesn't mean what he did was wrong. Martin Luther King Jr. was imprisoned Crafton, might have felt that he was standing up for his second amendment What Wesley rights. Crafton did certainly did was treated with by the school administration which promptly e-mailed the whole GCSU network with an announcement that made it sound like they caught Osama bin Ladin. Nor did it justify the front page Colonnade criticism which brings up a reference to the Virginia Tech massacre in the very first sentence, yet conveniently neglects Crafton's history of serving our great nation.

I still can't get over the irony that the government licensed him weapons and then arrested him for just having those weapons they licensed him. It almost

school property was: why in school owned housing that you are forced to give up your second amendment rights. While I support the government taking away second amendment freedoms of violent criminals, I hardly understand why it's in the government's interest to take away the freedoms of those that go to college. In terms of deciding who is allowed to exercise their second amendment rights, the government does not differentiate between a violent criminal and a college student in school housing.

OVER IRAQ

This even brings in the question as to why we have zero tolerance policies and if they are successful. Most states adopted zero tolerance policies after the massacre at Columbine in 1999. The premise was simple. School age children shouldn't bring guns or any other weapons to school and if they do there numerous will be zero tolerance for essary that we present an times while standing up for them. That later expanded alternative point of view his civil liberties. Mr. to drugs, alcohol and even cigarettes in some cases.

Unfortunately, this policy was written very broadly and included things like threats which can be determined in the ears of the beholder. Just this month, a 13 year old at Payne Junior High School in Queen Creek, Ariz., was suspended for five days for doodling a gun on a sheet of paper. The school interpreted the drawing as a threat to the other students. In light of this recent event, I would like to recommend to every student at every school, if you're in class don't draw an outline of the state of Fla., or you might also be suspended for a week.

I can't help but think about how times have changed. On the Brady Bunch, ideal father Mike Brady taught his son, Peter, how to throw a good

punch so he could fight Buddy Hinton who was picking on his younger sister Cindy. Now, if Peter Brady were to punch Buddy Hinton it would be a virtually automatic suspension and with another fight or two would be an almost guaranteed expulsion. And it even makes me question if we are inhibiting children's creativity by having these very strict rules which judges mostly on what the child is thinking at the time. Could this be a precursor to "thought crimes"? Many school districts across the nation have moved to transparent book bags out of fear that a five year old girl might be packing a deadly weapon in her Hello Kitty book bag. This makes me very concerned that we might be stunting an entire generation of children by inhibiting their personal creativity with our strict societal norms.

Lastly, I think it's important that all Americans realize that guns are not bad. Bad people are bad. If we don't blame planes for causing 9/11 then it's pointless to blame guns for committing a homicide. It's easy to say that we would all be safer in a world where no guns existed. Maybe so, maybe not. But that's not the real world. In the real world guns exist. And so do bad people. And sometimes there are even bad people with guns. It's times like that when you are really thankful for the good people in our society with guns, be it the men and women defending our freedom in combat, the police offers who keep our town safe, or even a fellow GCSU student.

Send responses to

# When political control trumps policy



BY CHRIS PITTS COLUMNIST

On Monday, Sept. 17, Alan Greenspan was interviewed by the New York Times. For those of you who do not know who Alan Greenspan is, he was the chairman of the Federal Reserve for nearly 20 years. In this interview, Greenspan spoke out against the Republican Party, a party of which he has been a faithful mem-

"Smaller government, lower spending, lower taxes, less regulation they had the resources to do it, they had the knowledge to do it, they had the political majorities to do it. And they didn't . . . political control trumped policy, and they achieved neither political control nor policy," he said.

Greenspan's frustration toward the Republican Party highlights exactly why the Republican Party lost a majority in Congress in 2006. In 1994, the Republicans, under the leadership of Newt Gingrich, promised a contract with Americans with the main platforms being: smaller government, lower taxes, lower spending, tort and welfare reform, term

limits for Congressmen, staple of the American and a reduction in Federal Regulations. Unfortunately, most of these things did not get passed; those that did, however, were barely used. For instance, only one page of the thousands of pages that makes up the volumes of Federal Regulations was repealed.

Alan Greenspan was right. Republicans failed and they failed horribly. They chose political war with the Democrats over policies enacting Americans favored and even did a poor job in battle with the Democrats. Politicians need to realize that it is fiscal/economic policy that matters the most to Americans. Smaller government, less government spending and

lower taxes have all been a

political thought for the past 231 years. This is why a policy such as the Fair Tax can draw more supporters to rally at a Republican Presidential Candidate Debate in Columbia, S.C., than people that show up to protest

the War in Iraq. The solution to this problem, however, resides in American's willingness to contact their representative and express what matters most to them. Until then the politicians will continue to be deluded by the large media outlets that there is something else of more importance than economic policy. Until we take action, politicians will continue to pander to us on issues we don't care about.

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# Our Voice

# Why we do what we do

It came to our attention at the most recent Colonnade staff meeting that some students wish we would cover more national issues in our newspaper. And to be honest, this isn't the first time we've heard this from our readers. It won't be the last either. For a number of reasons, our content will need to stay similar to what we have now.

The fact is, the purpose of The Colonnade is to cover the issues that affect the students, and to report on the events that affect them. Sometimes there is some overlap, as national events do trickle down to affect the students here in Milledgeville, but there are plenty of big stories (particularly those involving celebrities) that are hard to

Sure, the latest drama with Britney Spears is interesting, but it isn't news that belongs in The Colonnade. Yes, some of our readers do care about Britney and the latest fiasco threatening her career, but it's hard to localize. Unless she came to town (that'll never happen), she wouldn't be fit to print in The Colonnade.

Even more serious stories are sometimes hard to include, and, once again, the issue is localization. Stories that hit close to home, like Michael Vick and the dogfighting accusations, are still hard to include because Vick isn't tied to our University. No students on our campus openly participate in dogfights, and, if we did write a story about it, we'd have nothing in it other newspapers wouldn't have.

Which leads us to the other issue that mandates what we do and do not run, and that is whether, by covering the story, we could do a better job of it than another, larger newspaper.

We don't take large-scale news stories because other papers available on campus, like The New York Times, cover them in more depth and in a more timely fashion than we could ever hope to do.

We can't compete with the Times, so we have to localize our focus to the Milledgeville area, particularly to the campus, lest we also begin to step on the toes of the other local papers, who (again) publish more often than we do, and would likely beat us to the punch.

So we focus hard on what we can cover, and we resolve to do so better than our competitors. So we cover art shows, concerts, plays, meetings, sporting events, management and everything else that affects the campus, and the students that call it home.

Yeah, some of the stories aren't the most exciting things to read about. In all fairness, they're not that interesting to write about sometimes as well. The trick is when we're able to take a story of little interest and turn it into something cool.

But, when the good stories come around, The Colonnade always tries to rise to the occasion and cover the story to the best of our abilities. Yeah, sometimes it's a flop, but, once again, when everything comes together, the results can be spectacular.

That's something the Times can't hope to keep up with. We do the best we can, and we know we can't always cover everything. But, if there's something you want, there are many ways to let us know. Drop us a line in the Vent, or send a letter to the editor. We want to know what you want, and how we can serve you best in our own, little way.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Talkin' 'bout a better breakup

Dear editor,

How many of us have been in relationships? Better yet, which of us have had their heart broken? You could be in the most incredible relationship right now, possibly even married to "the One," but you could still ache from a time long since past.

People have different ways of dealing with heartache. For some people, all it takes is some good rebound action. In other cases, it could take months of self-analysis. Some people will "simply" change themselves in order to heal. Maybe they'll lose weight and get in shape to almost tell their ex, "Look what you are missing out on!" Even a haircut or a new wardrobe could be considered a form of coping with the pain of a break-up. However, not every way of healing is productive (beating yourself up, physically hurting yourself, drugs, etc.). I can personally say that sometimes, the only way for me to recover was to damage myself further. My selfinflicted wounds (no, not THAT kind) had to cover up the pain that I couldn't dle of a fight that I had no

control ... I refused to let someone hurt me more than I could hurt myself. To some people, my actions may have seemed counterproductive, but to me? I knew that as long as I was still the person that was dumped, I would hurt. I had to destroy the person that I was so that I could, in my mind, survive.

Break-ups can be difficult and painful, whether you're directly involved or not. Have you ever lost friends when a relationship ended? Maybe they were your ex's friends first, so they went back to them. Sure, it stings, but think about what those friends are going through. People don't usually pay much attention to the strain that the mutual friends face after a relationship ends. Sure, the people that broke up are obviously more important factors in a separation, but the friends are affected too.

Near the end of last year, my two best friends started to date each other. Despite the occasions where I was the third wheel, everything seemed to work out nicely until the break-up. Suddenly, I was in the midpart in. The strain of trying to be a good friend to both was immense. I wouldn't sav I was being fought over, because that was hardly the case. It was more of a "what friend needs me more right now?" situation. Unfortunately, I felt that one friend constantly needed me more, so I rarely saw the other. Since they didn't want to be in the same room, it got to the point that I rarely even saw them on the same day. It was as though they had joint custody of me, but I didn't even get the two Christmases. Months later, things are still awkward, but I refuse to lose one of my friends because of it.

Yes, relationships can end and you can hurt; that's life. No one can control every situation, and you have to accept that. If it was your fault the relationship failed, then learn from your mistakes. If it wasn't your fault, there is nothing you can do except try to heal. Not every relationship is meant to last.

> Alexandria Drake Sophomore Liberal Studies



How do you get home from downtown when you can't drive?



"I walk, because I live in The Grove. But I walk in a group because its safer."

Erin Ebrite, junior, music education

"I zig-zag my way to the Governor's Mansion, stumble over an un-even sidewalk or two, stop for a break, 5 minutes later Natalee wakes me up from my nap, and we finish our route home."

Jennifer Shannon, senior, history





"I walk because I live in College Station. But my friends take taxis because they live in Bobcat Village."

"I walk home but I think they should have a

Diana Martinez, senior, psychology

"I walk with friends because if you're not with friends you're not having fun."

> Tyler Ebrite, Freshman, business management



Victoria Loosier, senior, art



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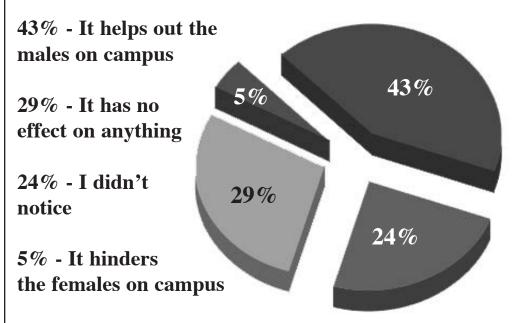
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# POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY LEE SANDOW

# Poll of the Week

What do you think of the skewed gender-ratio between men and women at GCSU?



# **Next week's question:**

Do you wish more GCSU athletic events took place at GCSU?

# Vote online at gcsunade.com

Got more to say? Let us know in a letter to the editor!

# Reported by Katey Follett The Litter Box

shuttle to take us home."

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I think I have a crush on the Sports Editor.

All fees considered, I dont feel my desire for reliable internet service is unresonable. This school's "high speed" internet makes dial-up look reliable, and even fast at times.

OK, here goes my rant ... Hello, I'm a female who works for the GCSU Women's soccer team. When I want things done, I don't ask nicely - instead I demand. I make my players and volunteer managers do things that I'm too lazy to do myself. When something goes slightly wrong, I don't attempt to fix it in a sophisticated way - I'd rather whine, scream and carry on about the problem, and blame it on as many people as I possibly can, even in the pretty likely event that its my fault. I enjoy making everyone's lives miserable when they're around me. Who am I?

Thanks for stopping at the crosswalk. Oh wait, you didn't!

I love watching a freshman flag football team. It's like seeing a whiney, complaing, unorganized kamikaze plane crashing and burning over and over again. What a show.

When the GCSU Web site says that the Language Lab is open from 8 a.m. through 5 p.m., Monday-Friday... I oddly enough expect it to be open during those times. Radical idea, huh?!

Dear Freshmen, it is NOT my duty to accomodate your lack of common sense as a member of society. One more time ... THE RED HAND DOES NOT MEAN GO!!!

Just for the record, the theater kids are not the nicest students on campus.

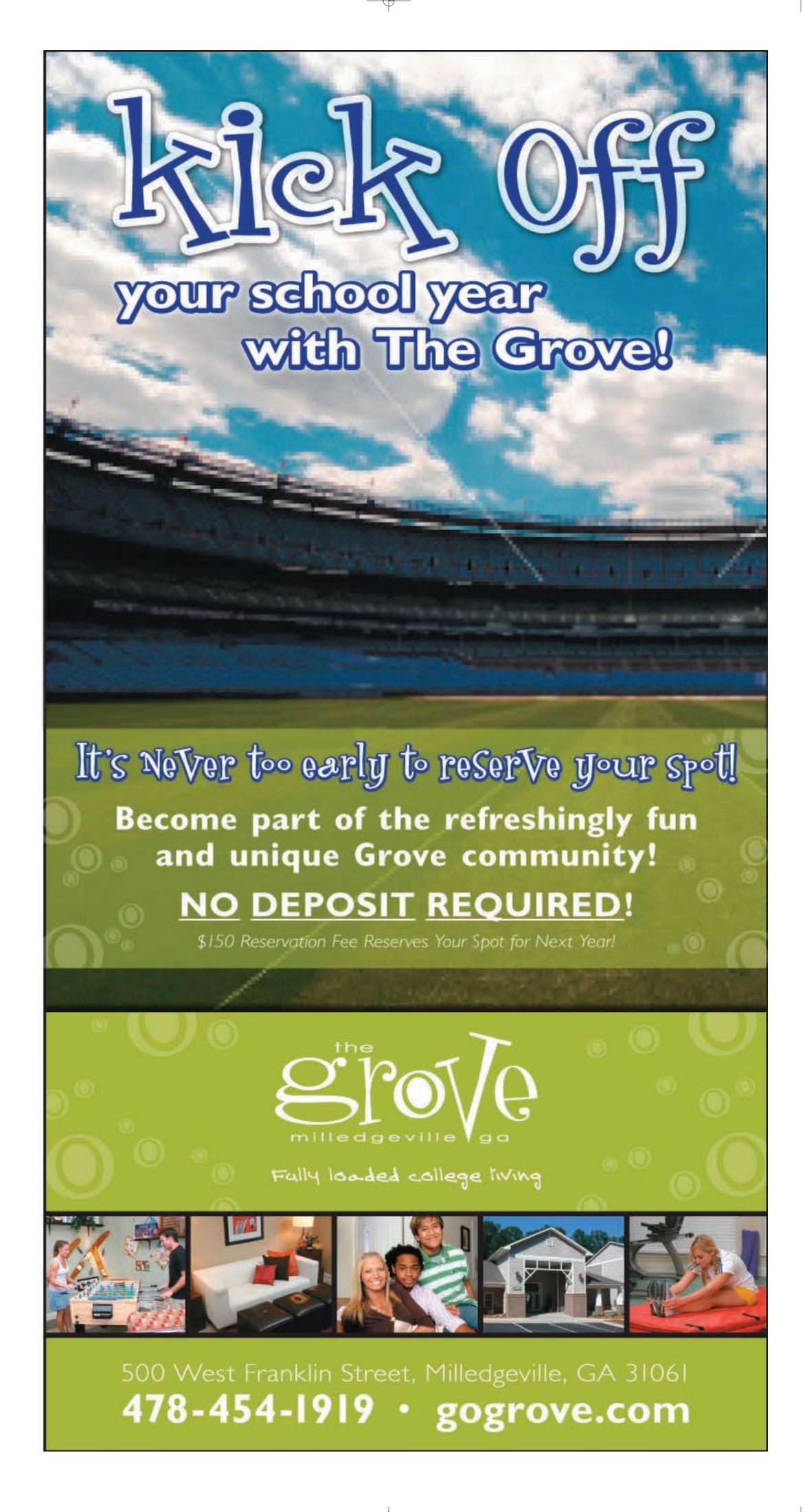
When did Front Campus become a playground for the local middle school kids??? WTF!!! What are they doing out of school at noon anyway?! Shouldn't they be in school learning the states and capitals or something?!!!

What's the deal with all the country music on WGUR? I'm tired of that depressing s\*\*\*!!

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Want to vent about something? Send us a message about what's bothering you to screen name ColonnadeVent. Comments can be sent anytime, any day of the week.





# Home is a walk, trip or fare away

BY JOURDAN HAMILTON SENIOR REPORTER

Most people's weekends start on Friday, but, for many college students, the weekend starts one day earlier - Thursday. This is most likely because many college students try to avoid Friday morning classes like they try to avoid STDs, and in both cases they are sometimes unsuccessful.

Yet, this does not stop an overwhelming number of bar hoppers from venturing out on Thursday, or any other night of the week, in an attempt to socialize, get drunk, pick-up their late night entertainment, or any other combination of the prior.

However, the common denominator that they all will face, drunk or sober and regardless of motive, is the question: "How will I get home?"

It is safe to say that most students get home one of four ways, in no particular

- Call a friend
- Call a cab
- Walk

Drive themselves All of these options have pros and cons, but we all know each positive and negative can outweigh the other depending on to whom you talk, on what night and at what time of the night you decide to

By now, we all know that drunk driving is dangerous; it is dangerous to the driver, passengers, other drivers, pedestrians, and, if caught, the driver's record and wallet. How do students make it home?

"I think most people, probably, get a ride from a friend. Two, walk. Three, drive. Four, call a cab. That's not for me, I walk, but that's probably what most people do," said freshman Samantha

McKinley.

In a perfect world we would/could always call a friend. In this world however, not everybody's friend answers their phone or wants to get up at two something in the morning to pick up a drunk friend. Maybe they are one of the plague stricken ones with that early morning Friday class, or maybe they are busy, or sleeping. Chances are the friend we wish we could call is out on the town with us on their phone attempting to find you both a ride. There goes that option.

Calling a cab tends to have a high success rate; chances are you will get home. The laws of supply and demand have fixed it that here Milledgeville and other college towns there never seems to be a shortage of taxis.

For students here in Milledgeville, the laws of economics have also fixed the price of the ride so that most responsible students can afford it, especially in comparison to major cities like Atlanta. Yet students still choose other options.

One reason is because many people start the night off trying to be responsible with their money and only take with them an allotted amount of cash they are willing to spend that night, and leave the plastic at home. The problem is that, as the night progresses, the cash gets spent without thought of later transportation. A then penniless, and plastic-less, student is left deciding how they are going to get home. Another reason is the student might feel like they do not need to spend money on a cab.

"I can drive, I'm not that drunk" or "Forget the cab, I'm walking" are two statements that, in some form or

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KATEY FOLLETT / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Richard Mercier, on piano, and Lisa Lombardo, on bassoon, played in their faculty artist recital on Sept. 17.

# A dialogue of music

BY PJ SCHINELLA STAFF WRITER

GCSU faculty, Dr. Lisa Lombardo and Dr. Richard Mercier, interwove classical tones and jazz strumming melodies to showcase superior musical inventiveness while entertaining the Max Noah Recital Hall audience.

The duet consisted of Lombardo on bassoon, recital entertaining while accompanied by Mercier on piano.

Wolfgang's piece, "Moods in Blue," set the base for what the concert was built around. The German jazz guitarist collaborated sounds of jazz and classical music, which inspired Lambardo's musical selec-

tion of the evening. According to Mercier,

bassoons are most com- of moods, character, lyrimonly found in orchestras and are often thought of as an unusual instrument for solo performance.

Originally, Lambardo was hesitant to combine the pieces of the recital without the accompaniment of an orchestra; however, she embraced the challenge.

"I strive to make every making it interesting, especially since the bassoon is not a regular recital instrument," Lambardo said.

And the twosome did just that.

Lambardo and Mercier took the stage with a confident bow, ready to display a fun and demanding performance.

The recital showcased four pieces with an array

cal technicality and song melodies. All four pieces produced pleasant melodies that allowed the bassoon to play at a constant quick pace backed by block chords of the piano, allowing the bassoon to be the focal point of the recital and not fight for the

Mercier did take control of the stage briefly during each piece, allowing Lombardo a moment to catch her breath. With a smile and nod the musical alliance would reconvene.

attention of the audience.

As Lambardo and Mercier composed the unfied sound of bassoon and piano, they did more than just execute technically proficient music they allowed their talents to serve as a mode of com-

munication between them

"There is something special in going out there with another musician that you don't experience when you are performing by yourself. There is dialog,' Mercier said.

With each note, chord and smile shared amongst the musicians, the audience was drawn deeper into a joyful trance.

As the night came to a conclusion, Lambardo and Mercier were honored with a roaring standing ovation.

Their pieces of strong lyrical technicality touched with melancholy provided ample satisfaction for the crowd and their ears anxious for an encore performance.



JAMES ODOM / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

There are several bins for different types of recyclables in Bell Hall. Bins are taken to the local recyling center on HWY 49.

# Students rally around recycling

BY CHRISTIN IVEY STAFF WRITER

Freshmen Zachary Gilbert and Morgan Eurek know how to chug-Gatorade that is.

By the end of their first week of college, the two Foundation hall roommates drank their way through four cases of 24pack Gatorade, only to find themselves with 96

plastic houseguests. "We didn't want to just them away,' explains Gilbert, "but we didn't know where to recycle them, so we just started our own recycling bin outside our door."

With no university provided recycling options, students and faculty are now voluntarily assuming responsibility for recycling efforts around the GCSU campus.

Zachary Gilbert, an environmental science major, and Morgan Eurek, engineering major, set up three boxes and a garbage bin to collect their fellow resident's plastic bottles, aluminum cans, glass and paper—all outside their room on the third floor of Foundation Hall.

"I think it's a great idea," said Amanda Gunter, complex director of Foundation Hall. "A lot of residents want to recycle anyways, so for (Gilbert and Eurek) to take the incentive on their own

is wonderful." After the first two days, the boxes were overflowing with bottles and cans, leaving Gilbert and Eurek scrambling to find a place to put them.

Alan Thompson, who lives on the 3rd floor of Foundation, now recycles everyday. "Saves me a trip garbage, the

Thompson says, "Every little bit counts, so might as well."

"We never expected so much positive feedback,' Eurek explains. "We just felt like it needed to be done." Each week, Gilbert and Eurek haul a 33-gallon trash bag of plastic bottles and boxes full of cans, glass and paper to the Baldwin County Recycling Center on the corner of W. Hancock Street and Frank Bone Road.

Gilbert and Eurek are

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# Malde talks social issues

BY MATT BAUM STAFF REPORTER

Last Monday, Sept. 10, GCSU was visited by artist and professor Pradip Malde (mauld-DAY') for a lecture and a glimpse at his worldly and socially aware photographs in the library's Museum Room. Malde presented a slideshow of photos he had taken from the last twenty years, and told of his experiences around the globe with the people and things he has photographed. The lecture was titled "Artist, Not I: Reflections on Art, Biography, Community Engagement," and focused on several global issues through pho-

tography. "His main idea is that artists have the ability and the duty to instigate change when they see something wrong in their society," said Emily Gomez, assistant professor of Art at GCSU. Gomez knows Malde from a class he taught in Chicago. She helped bring him in for the lecture.

Malde, a professor of Fine Arts at the University of the South in Sewanee,

Tenn., showed photographs taken all over the world of various objects like faces, plants and even toys. The photographs, mostly of inanimate objects, all presented a commentary about the world — real or spiritual — around the picture.

"I enjoyed how he could take events in society and take photos of random objects that illustrated those events," said Jamie Grant, a senior Biology major.

One of Malde's main themes was that the artist is not a job for the selfish. He harped on the point that pictures are not taken for the people behind the camera, but the ones in front of

"These photographs are for the vulnerable and a trigger for us to think about those who live outside our canopy," Malde said. He encouraged the audience that artists "are the voices of the weak" and that they must "sing their stories."

Malde's thoughts and comments on the state of the world in which we live would have been compelling on any day.

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## **FEATURES**

CHRISTIN IVEY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Freshmen Morgan Eurek and Zach Gilbert give recycling a double thumbs-up as they stand in front of their recycling bin in Foundation Hall.

# Recycle

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not the only ones taking recycling into their own hands. Many small volunteer-run recycling programs are scattered through out GCSU department buildings.

In the basement of Beeson Hall, faculty members recycle white paper, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, glass bottles and newspapers. Gregg Kaufman, director of the Coverdell Institute, is happy to be a part of the Beeson Hall recycling community.

"I would love to see campus-wide recycling," Kaufman said. "There is a theme at this campus generous spirits concerned with making a difference."

Many organizations around campus have embarked on their own recycling projects: the environmental science club collects The New York Times and white paper for recycling; Tri Beta recycles aluminum cans for Habitat for Humanity; The Give Center collects used print cartridges. Yet these individual volunteer efforts are not able to undertake the responsibility for the volume of recyclables at a campus-wide level.

"What we really need is a coordinated effort," said Dr. Doug Oetter, who founded the GCSU Campus Energy Use & Conservation Task Force in March 2006. "If we are going to be a university educating the world and its future leaders, we need to invest in recycling and lead the way."

Many students wonder why GCSU, as a liberal arts college, does not have a campus-run recycling program. "(A recycling program) would only enrich the appeal of GCSU," Noah DeWalt, a junior Liberal Studies major said, "(GCSU) promotes the expectations of Reason, Responsibility, and Respect, yet fails to live up to these convictions when it comes to recycling."

But once upon a time GCSU did have a campus-

run recycling program. Former Director of Plant David Operations, Groseclose has seen the rise and fall of campus recycling in his 13 years at GCSU. "It's been about eight or ten years since the last campus-wide recycling Groseclose program," recalled. "The focus was mainly on white paper, and the university custodians collected, separated, and stored the paper in the Depot."

Once a month, a recycling vendor from Macon would pick up the barrels of recycled paper, which filled every inch of the Depot.

But eventually, the recycling program deflated due to dollars.

"After university budget reductions, GCSU did not have the resources or manpower to continue a campus-wide recycling program," Groseclose explained.

Bottom line, it simply costs more to recycle than to throw away.

"We seem to recycle the idea of recycling each year," said Groseclose, who now is the interim director of Public Safety. "I would love to see recycling again on campus and hopesomeday resources will be there."

Resources, or not—the demand for campus-wide recycling is here. Armed with a petition of 600+ signatures in favor of campus recycling, supporters hope to push for action through SGA and set up trial recycling programs in the residence halls.

"The biggest problems we

lect the recyclables, where to store them, and finding markets who will take (the recyclables),"explained Dr. Oetter, who also serves as advisor to the environmental science club. "We need funding, manpower, and the drive to get it done."

Vice president of environmental science club, Justin Morgan hopes to bring more awareness to campus recycling this semester. "(The environmental science club) hopes to help educate the student body on how and why to be environmentally responsible," Morgan said. "All majors are invited to get involved in the upcoming environmental science club events.'

Back at Foundation Hall, Gilbert and Eurek have big plans for their cans.

"We're hoping to have recycling bins throughout (Foundation) before the end of October," said Eurek.

Foundation Hall Council plans to expand Gilbert and Eurek's doorstep bin into a competition recycling between all four floors of Foundation Hall, with a pizza party for the floor who collects the most pounds of recyclables.

As for hopes of a campus-wide recycling program, Gilbert and Eurek are keeping their fingers crossed— but are not waiting for GCSU to catch on.

You've got to start small," Gilbert says. "People want to recycle and will take responsibility (recycling) themfor selves—we just offer them a place to put it."

## Home

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"I usually walk home, but that's because I only live a couple blocks away," said fourth year student Jonathan Hart.

"Some people drive drunk, but I'm not with that, it's dangerous. I guess if you don't have any other option to get home the only thing you can do is take a chance, but that's something that should be avoided by all means," he said. "I would say driving

drunk or after you've been drinking is the least used, but it's tough to say what most people do because it all depends on where you live. If you live near downtown, you're going to walk back to wherever you live. If you live a couple of miles off campus where walking is not an option then you're going to call a cab, or drive. I mean it's the nature of the game, regardless of safety precautions, you got to get home," said fifth year senior Chris Pinns.

One would think, the "long walk home" would be the automatic pick if the friend and the cab are both unavailable. It is not. Especially if the student

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However, the quiet plea for peace and

understanding in Milledgeville, Ga.,

nearly six years to the day of the most

horrific attack in American history may

not mean too much in the grand scheme

of national healing, but it certainly meant

something to Malde and the 50 or so peo-

lives outside the widely accepted walking distance of 1 to 2.5 miles. Some students have been seen walking at 3 a.m. all the way back to Magnolia Park or even playing drunk "Frogger" across the bypass to get back to The Village.

To most students, especially females, this is just not an option. Some students live within the walking distance radius but are just lazy, or drunk, or both. If their car is in front of the bar at closing time and none of the previous options are available, taking their own car home, for free, becomes the prefered option.

"These last two years driving has become pretty much out of the question. If you go out at 2:20 at night you'll see most people walking back home," said Brian English, the sergeant of the Crime Prevention Department of Public Safety.

"Our DUI stats have gone down over the last two years. It used to be you could go out and get two or three DUIs a night, but now it's fringed out. I guess the DUI stat people are choosing to walk now, rather than have to deal with us. But even though the majority of the walkers live close to downtown, the majority of our DUIs

also live within a block or two of campus," said English

"Sometimes I drive myself back, regardless of whether or not I think I'm drunk. When I have too many people try and convince me not to drive home then I'll simply walk or run back to my apartment," said Chris Pinns.

"Plenty of people drive drunk ... until they get caught," Jonathan Hart said.

Everyone has their own

opinion of which traveling option is chosen most often. This is probably based on what they and the people around them most often do. The common thread in all of this seems to be the fact that the choice made between the four options is a choice made for selfish reasons. The question is always: "How do I get home?" The question should be "How do I get home with the least risk of injury to myself and others?" Let us not be naïve enough to think that people would make smart decisions without the threat of legal repercussions because even that sometimes is not enough persuasion. Whatever the case may be, try and make the right decision for you and the people around you.



Paul Grigsby / Staff Photographer

A student's best bet to get home after a long Thursday night would be to call a cab.

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- 1. Start your own recycling bin.
- 2. Seperate your trash and take recyclables to the Baldwin Recycling centers within 5 miles from campus: one off Hwy. 22, and one on the corner of Hwy. 49 and 441 By-pass.

5 Ways Students Can Get Involved

- 3. Get involved with the Environmental Science Club.
- 4. Be responsible and recycle litter.
- 5. Spread the word. The more students in support
- of campus-wide recycling, the faster it will become a reality.

## KATEY FOLLETT / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Malde speaks candidly to students and faculty.

ple that piled into the Museum Room to hear him speak.

"What motivates me is nothing new. It's sad that xenophobia and brutality have shaped history," Malde said, as he presented the solemn photographs he made following the Sept. 11 attacks.

But the lecture was not without hope. The last series of photographs was a collection of close-up pictures of human faces, always bright and mostly smiling. The faces presented a sort of transcendence from reality to spirituality.

"A photograph is a thing that is not fully apparent," Malde said, elaborating on a picture of a human face. "One could say the same thing about God, that it is something beyond us."

Throughout the lecture, Malde aimed to teach while maintaining his humility. He was educational and complimentary as he expressed his pleasure at visiting GCSU.

"I have yet to come across an art department that is so mutually exclusive," Malde said. "It is really sweet to see a place where adversity is in its right





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Section Editor, Corey Dickstein

# Kickin' it with Hayley Ferrell

BY COREY DICKSTEIN SENIOR REPORTER

As the gates opened on GCSU's 2007 soccer season, Hayley Ferrell took off sprinting with her aggressive play right from the start.

"I'm the b\*\*\*\* out there on the field," Ferrell said. "I can be kind of mean, I'm honest, and I expect a lot out of the people around me, and especially from myself. Sometimes I may not be the greatest leader



ANDREA GRIFFIN / SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHER because I'm more of a shutouts of the University grouch. I'm just super competitive and have really high expectations."

In the first five games of the young season Ferrell, a junior forward, has already recorded six goals. The entire rest of the team has accumulated a total of four.

"I'm in a lot better shape than I was in last year," Ferrell said. "I think that is contributing a lot to how well I have started off."

Ferrell put her excellent conditioning on display when she scored three against goals University of North Alabama on Sept. 9; it was only the second hat trick in school history.

"That was pretty cool," said. "Lyric Ferrell (Burnett) started it off last year, and this time I just was, kind of, in the right place at the right time to be able to do it, too."

Under her leadership the Bobcats are off to their best start in school history winning four or the team's first

games, five and outscoring opponents to four, including of North Carolina at Pembroke, Florida Tech and Thomas University.

Ferrell and Head Coach Robert Parr agree that the combination of an excellent recruiting class and the leadership of veteran players is the key to the team's early success.

"This year we have a lot of new freshmen who are contributing more which makes it a lot more competitive, and I think we also came in, you know, with more people in shape," Ferrell said. "More people are meeting standards than before because of that competitiveness with the younger and older players."

No player has been more influential in the building of Bobcat soccer than Ferrell. In her career she has posted 20 goals, the most in GCSU's short soccer history.

"(Ferrell) has really worked hard in the off season," Parr said. "We knew she was good already, but her preparation to get her fitness to such a high level for this season shows."

Ferrell said she first started playing soccer when she was about eight

# **Hayley Ferrell**



Bio Class: Junior Pos.: Forward Major: Mass Communication

## Statistics by season

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2005	2006	2007 (to date)
16 Games	17 Games	5 Games
6 Starts	4 Starts	5 Starts
8 Goals	7 Goals	6 Goals
1 Assist	1 Assist	0 Assists
36 Shots	39 Shots	15 Shots

and was drawn to the

"(I) started off playing with guys, then I got into playing with girls and playing club (soccer)," said Ferrell.

She entered high school at Eagles Landing High School in McDonough, GA, in the fall of 2001, where over the next four years she would letter in soccer, cross country, volleyball and basketball.

'We knew that someone, like Hayley, who excelled at so many sports in high school would have what it makes for a wellrounded athlete in college athletics," Parr said.

Ferrell especially excelled in soccer. She accumulated four All-County selections in Henry County, Soccer Athlete of the Year and Player of the Year honors, and was named to ten All-Region teams by the Atlanta Journal Constitution.

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# Tennis hits court with win

By Bryan Smith STAFF WRITER

The 2007 GCSU Men's Tennis team opened up its year last Friday by hosting the Fall Men's Championships at the Centennial Center Tennis Complex.

The tournament, which wrapped up on Sunday, featured teams from Lander University, Columbus State University, Augusta University, and Piedmont College. Competing players for GCSU included new-comer Francis Yoshimoto, as well as returning players Erick Siqueira and Tony Bertucci.

The tournament was an international incident of sorts, as many of the competitors were originally from countries outside of North America. GCSU's roster is a cultural melting pot, with players from Australia, Belarus and Brazil as well the United States.

Judging from the laid back atmosphere, it was easy to forget that the players were in serious competition. Though few spectators turned out, the athletes did not seem to mind, conversing amongst them-

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PAUL GRIGSBY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Redshirt junior Erick Siqueira returns a serve during the GCSU Men's Fall Tournament at the Centennial Courts last weekend. Siqueira led the Bobcats by winning the Flight "A" division.

# **Hunting season** opens in Georgia

By Brian Farrell

September, the lull of baseball season is finally winding down, the Braves are out of the playoff race, the Falcons lost their star quarterback, and the University of South Carolina has already ended University of Georgia's football team the chance of another South Eastern Conference title. Besides sitting at home and watching the inevitable unfold before their eyes, Georgians don't have a whole lot of entertainment to look forward to

in the next few months. However, if you are one of the 238,000 deer hunters in the state, your season just got started.

Sept. 8 marked the beginning of the 2007 whitetail deer season

across the entire state. While the majority of hunters in Georgia hunt It is the end of on private land, GCSU students need not despair, as they are privy to some of the best public hunting land in the country.

"I've killed deer at Rum Creek, Ocmulgee, and the Bond Swamp National Wildlife Refuge," said Hunter Morgan of Fishing Creek Outfitters. "And my taxidermist killed a giant ten pointer right down the road at Cedar Creek."

There are over 150,000 acres of public hunting land within an hour of Milledgeville and over 40,000 of them are within 25 minutes of campus. Some of these Wildlife Management Areas include Ocmulgee, Clark Hill, Oconee, Redlands

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# Students turn to diet pills as quick weight fix

BY CHELSEA MOSS STAFF WRITER

Quick fix diet pills are all the rage with GCSU students trying to stay fit and have become their newest weapon of choice when battling the desire to be skinnier.

Project EAT, researchers found that 62.7 percent of teenage females use "unhealthy weight control behaviors" such as diet pills to ditch a few extra

GCSU's campus is no different. Whether it is the lack of motivation to exerto the cise or the impossible University of Minnesota's search for healthy college snacks, students seem to they do not use this gravitate towards pills as their speedy solution.

"A lot of my friends, mostly girls, talk about taking (diet pills)," said Adam Gray, an employee at General Nutrition Center

and a GCSU student. Gray said although few students frequent the local GNC, that does not mean method.

Some popular diet pills Hydroxycut, SlimQuick, Zantrex 3, and Lipo 6.

These over the counter diet pills have some very serious side effects. To make this rapid weight loss plan effective, most use appetite suppression.

Diet pills affect the division of the nervous system that controls adrenaline production. This puts the user in a heightened state of constant awareness or nervousness.

Dr. Sheree Barron, a psychology professor, said

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BY COREY DICKSTEIN SPORTS EDITOR

Students are the foundation of life on any college campus. Ours is no differ-

There are approximately 5,761 students that attend GCSU, and many are sports fans. Yet it seems as though they are not strong supporters of our athletics programs.

Many members of our student body can probably tell you most of the starters on the University of Georgia's football team, and I know even more can tell you the majority of the Atlanta Braves lineup, but how many can tell you the names of our own athletes?

I am guessing the answer is not many.

GCSU has ten varsity sports teams, with a total of 209 athletes. Currently six of these teams are competing. I bet you didn't know that.

The soccer team has played five games; they are 4-1, both cross country teams have competed in two meets, the golf team has played in two tournaments and the men's tennis team hosted a tournament this past weekend at GCSU.

Oh, by the way, they won two titles in the tournament. Were you there to see it? I bet not, in fact very few spectators were in attendance.

Soccer played their first home game last Saturday as well. There were more people there, but I think we can do better.

Hayley Ferrell, a junior forward on the soccer team, said that she loves when the team gets a good, strong crowd for their games.

"Props to them," Ferrell said. "When the paint up and get excited, it's so

The rest of the Bobcat athletes, I am sure, would love to see their peers supporting them as well. For the hardcore Bobcat

supporters there is even a spirit group called the Thundercats. They can be found "hoopin' and hol-lerin" at most Bobcat home athletics events. You can find out more

about the Thundercats online http://web.mac.com/jason\_ hendrix/Thundercats/Hom e.html, or through their group on Facebook.

So come on all you sports fans, don some GCSU Bobcat gear and head out and support your athletes. You can get started

Saturday afternoon when the Bobcat soccer team takes on the University of Alabama at Huntsville at 2 p.m. at home.

# **Upcoming Sports**

# Soccer:

Saturday 2 p.m. UA- Huntsville

# **Cross-Country:**

Saturday

@ Augusta St.

# **Golf:**

Mon.- Tues. Tourn. @ Coker College

# **Tennis:**

Fri.- Sun. ITA Mid-Atlantic Regional

# **Stat** *of the* **Week**

The number of titles the Bobcat men's tennis team won at last week's GCSU Fall Men's Tournament. Erick Siqueira highlighted the tournament by winning the singles Flight "A" divi-

# Hunting

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and Cedar Creek. "Field and Stream" ranked the nearby Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge fifth on their list of top ten public hunting spots just last year.

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"I like to go because it's a great opportunity for me to study," said senior Jennifer Harper. "I like to bring a book with me to read while I'm waiting, that way I don't get bored or feel like I wasted my time.

So what if you don't know anything about hunting? Well, even if you have never hunted a day in your life, don't own any hunting equipment, or are somehow opposed to shooting your own food, the state's management areas are a great

place to camp out and fish

Even people who oppose hunting still find the spoils irresistible.

"I'm not into the whole hunting thing but I have eaten some deer burgers and they were pretty good," said senior Shaun Lenderman. "I think people should only

## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Sept. 8-Oct. 12** 

Statewide archery, either sex

Oct. 13-19

Statewide muzzleloader, either sex Oct. 20-Jan.1

Northern zone firearms, either sex **Oct. 20-Jan. 15** 

Southern zone firearms, either sex

kill things for survival and not for fun, but if someone gave me some deer meat I would probably eat it again."

Students who hunt save more money at the grocery store and eat healthier red meat than students who don't. No matter where you shop in Milledgeville, you will pay more for ground beef than hunters do for ground deer, which is 20 percent leaner on average.

Whether it be for the love of the outdoors or the lack of entertainment, everyone should give hunting a chance. But before you rush out into the woods, make sure you take a free hunter's safety course online or in person, and stop by a sporting goods store and pick up a license.

Public hunting locations can be found in the Georgia DNR hunting regulations manual or online at http://www.gohunt-georgia.com/.

# Wildlife Management Areas Near Campus

Public Property	Distance
Cedar Creek	18 miles
Clarks Hill	40 miles
Oconee	34 miles
Redlands	44 miles

## **Tennis**

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selves, and putting on a show for their peers. Multi-lingual chatter reverberated throughout the Centennial Center bleachers, made English just as foreign as any other language. Frustrated grunts and jubilant cheers echoed as players from

every team eagerly watched one of several matches in progress. Midday sun was not enough to burn out the players, as their drive, along with plenty of water, kept them going strong. Friday showers, however, washed away a few matches temporarily. Play resumed on Saturday, and continued throughout the weekend.

Coach Steve Barsby felt

optimistic about the team's performance.

"We've played solid," Barsby said.

Solid indeed, as GCSU was well represented by wins from Yoshimoto, Joao Casagrande and Max Beliankou. Siqueria dominated his competition, defeating Lander's Henrik Willers and Guilherme Fonseca, and CSU's Frank Suarez.

Coach Barsby believes that this year's GCSU Men's squad is better than his 1997 conference champion Troy University team. "The Peach Belt

(Conference) is unreal as far as tennis goes ... Our goal is to finish in the top two, top three in the conference, which would get us in the top 10 in the country," Barsby said.

After three long days that saw changes in weather, players and fans in attendance, the tournament wrapped up Sunday afternoon. Coach Barsby seemed pleased with the results.

"It's been a positive experience to see how our guys match up with other schools," he said. "Our guys have worked hard ... this team has a lot of potential."

Admission into to the tournament was free of charge and open to anyone interested. It was the seventh year GCSU has hosted the tournament. The Men's team will continue their fall schedule Sept. 21 to 23 for the ITA Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament in Savannah.

# Diet pills

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that the major ingredient is very similar to amphetamines or speed.

"If a person takes those, they probably have a lot of energy," Barron said. "And when they have to go back to normal, they sink below that."

Sophomore Anne Jones tried using one of these over the counter diet pills, Zantrex 3, and experienced some of these same symptoms.

"I about had a heart attack," Jones said.

Jones had ingested a massive quantity of caffeine. Each of the Zantrex 3 pills were equal to five cups of coffee, which quickly lead to "uncontrollable shaking."

The side effects Jones experienced were overwhelming and made her feel out of control.

"Diet pills were meant for people that needed to lose large amounts of weight, not for people trying to shed a few pounds," Jones said.

Even with that knowledge, Jones insists she would still turn to the pills as a last resort.

Students, like Jones, may not even look at the warning on the bottle. Some of the diet pills recommend not drinking coffee, Gray said, but students don't usually pay attention to seemingly minor directions.

Barron said students think they are invincible.

"They think (over the counter diet pills) won't do me any harm, but even unprescribed drugs can do harm," said Barron.

So, why do students turn to the more dangerous choices rather than the new FDA approved Alli?

"Students don't come in looking for Alli," said Gray.

Andrew Deneen, a GCSU student, thinks he knows why.

"(Alli) is advertised as a lifestyle change," Deneen said. "College students are looking for a fast but cheap solution to their problems."

Without changing eating habits or getting active, students will fall to this quick fix once again. Instead of turning towards a harmful solution like diet pills, there are other ways of staying fit and healthy.

"Being careful with

"Being careful with what you eat is probably the best (way to lose weight)," Barron said.



Paul Grigsby / Staff Photographer Rookie Francis Yoshimoto volleys with an opponent last weekend. Yoshimoto dropped his first career match, but redeemed himself with a win in his second opportunity.

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# Ferrell

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"High school (soccer) was a lot of fun," Ferrell said. "My high school coach (Harry Kustick) was one of the best coaches I've ever had. He was a really good guy and I still keep in touch with him."

After graduating Ferrell headed to GCSU to play soccer and study Mass Communication.

Parr said bringing Ferrell into the program was an easy decision.

"We had been following her play since she was a sophomore (in high school), then she tore her ACL her junior year playing basketball, but we knew where she was before the injury," Parr said. "She was even named County Player of the Year by the AJC. So, when we saw her in her senior year and she wasn't quite all the way back, we still knew she would be competitive at this level."

Ferrell said when she came to visit GCSU's campus she immediately fell in love.

"It was kind of out of the blue, I told my dad that I wanted to go visit the campuses around Georgia," Ferrell said. "And I just came down here and they had my major. Soccer had a little to do with it too, especially with it being a new program and all."

This year Ferrell has begun working in the Sports Information Department for Al Weston, the sports information director.

"Hayley is a (Mass Communication) major, and I wanted to help her along with her career," Weston said. "She wants to be in the area of sports, and especially in (public relations). So, I have had her working on a couple of feature pieces and book keeping with bios and things."

Hayley and the Bobcats are back in action on Saturday at 2 p.m. when they take on the University of Alabama at Huntsville at home.



# **WHAT'S** HAPPENING

Friday, Sept. 21-Thursday, Sept. 27

# Friday, September 21

8 p.m. CAB presents "Pirates of the Carribean 3," SAC,

Magnolia Ballroom

## Saturday, September 22

Bobcats Soccer vs University of Alabama-Huntsville,

Bobcat Field-West Campus

## Sunday, September 23

## Monday, September 24

2 p.m. Lecture, "The Problem of Phenomenological Consciousness"

4 - 5 p.m. Fall Seminar Series: "Monitoring and Modeling Earth

Processes: Using Spatial Science to Understand and Manage Our Planet," Herty 250 Constitution Day Address, A&S Auditorium

7 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Faculty Recital: Greg Pepetone Piano, Max Noah Recital

Hall

## Tuesday, September 25

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. "Modern Alters" by Bridget Conn, Blackbridge Hall

Exhibition by Bridget Conn, Blackbridge Hall 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Gallery

STAND Meeting, Chapell 105 7 p.m.

8 p.m. BCM: Synergy, Magnolia Ballroom

# Wednesday, September 26

Digital Innovation Group Podcasting Workshop, Chappell 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

2 - 3:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays: Money Management for College Students, Lanier 232

12:30 p.m. SIFE Meeting, Atkinson 107

8 p.m. Play: Sylvia by A.R. Gurney, Russell Auditorium 8:30 p.m.

International Club Meeting, A&S Auditorium

## Thursday, September 27

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. "Re-Bindings: Aesthetic Interpretations of Content by Book Artist, Magaret Ecke," GCSU Museum "Modern Alters" by Bridget Conn: Gallery Talk, 6 p.m.

Blackbridge Hall Gallery

Please send calendar submissions to colonnadenews@gcsu.edu.



We all know there is a currently available to parking problem. It is build on, which absoluteone of the hottest topics within Government, school management and students running a little late to class. The perceived GCSU parking problem is not about quantity but convenience. GCSU has plenty of parking available, but it is not within a "convenient" distance from campus. The concept of convenience is hard to rently available). Total define since it is an intangible quality and developed based on where one works or has class. Therefore, why not build a parking deck in the confines of convenience? The answer is location, cost and the future.

As we all know – space is limited – most and cost towards this new construction is project would be pheat Campus. And although we have space, I don't think the student-body would be happy with parking at West Campus, and walking to their class in Arts & Sciences. Building a structure in the Centennial Center area will not provide a solution to the problem since it does not address the issue of convenience. Therefore the only site

ly satisfies the conven-Student ience, is Peabody.

The Peabody "Dream" lot would certainly add more "convenient" spaces, but the positivity seems to end there. Design criteria, Historic District restrictions, and facility usage would dictate a maximum of three levels, providing a total of 372 spaces (this is only 172 more than curcosts of the project including land, construction, design, permits and financing would almost top \$6 million – or around \$16,000 per parking space. Since the structure only added 172 extra cars the "cost of convenience" is \$33,000 per vehicle. The effort West nomenal and would not sustain a growing campus.

A lot of the campus does not now the University's parking philosophy moving forward.

In the coming years our way of thinking will be completely different.

The campaign for more parking spots, as close to campus as possible, will change to more shuttles servicing offmain campus lots (Irwin Street, Centennial Street, prospective Pit lot) – at more frequent and later times. Think Athens parking. The prospective Pit lot would be located between the Depot and Centennial Center and would be an additional 375 parking spaces. We will probably be hearing a lot more on this in the coming months.

On behalf of SGA, thanks to all the students for being aware of our parking situation and speaking up. The more student involvement with campus issues, the faster we can advance as a student body. If you would like a certain issue discussed in this weekly column, please e-mail Billy Grace, Senator at bgrace@ gmail.com.



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# Public Safety Report

## Stolen bike, no suspects

On Sept. 9, at approximately 1:05 p.m., Officer Ennis was dispatched to the Grover in reference to a female resident whose green huffy mountain bike was taken between Sept. 8 and Sept. 9 .The bike is valued at \$75. There are no suspects at this time.

## **Broken window**

On Sept. 9, at approximately 8:54 p.m., Officer Smith was dispatched to The Village in response to residents who found a broken window in their apartment. A crack was found on the window and appears as though a lawn mower had been thrown through it. The residents were not home at the time of the incident. Maintenance was notified for repairs.

## **Public Safety announcements**

The Department of Public Safety offers several educational and crime prevention programs for the communi-

Bicycle Registry encourages students to register their bicycles by bringing the bicycle to the Public Safety office along with a serial number, personal information and description. A picture will be recorded and placed on file in case of theft or loss.

A Personal Safety Program is offered to students and staff that gives the pros and cons of several defensive items such as pepper spray and personal alarms. A pepper spray demonstration is also given to show the effectiveness of this defense mechanism.

Students can call Public Safety for car services pertaining to a lock-out or a battery jump.

The GCSU Police Department hosts several rape prevention/self-defense programs throughout the school year. Public Safety has assembled a team of specifically trained officers known as SART (Sexual Assault Response Team), counselors, and nurses to provide education and comprehensive response teams to help all students.

For more information about the programs contact Public Safety at 445-4054 or 445-4400.

> Information compiled by Ana Maria Lugo

Please go online to gcsunade.com to download the extended Public Safety Report podcast.

### "The African-**American Journey**"

Mu Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. is hosting a lecture by Jennifer Wallach called "The African-American Journey." The lecture will be held Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the A&S Auditorium.

# **CAB** movie night

CAB will be showing "Pirates of the Carribean: At World's End" Friday, Sept. 21 at 8 p.m. in the Magnolia Ballroom of the Student Activities Center. This event is free. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be provided.

## **Money Management** for College Students

Do you know how to develop a budget? Want to learn how NOT to get into a financial bind before you graduate? This workshop will discuss budgeting tips and skills, such as setting financial goals, allocating for periodic expenses, prioritizing spending, keeping accurate records, developing a written budget, setting aside for savings/emergency funds, etc. Nicole Caldwell, Credit Counselor of Consumer Credit Counseling Services will be the guest speaker. Come Wednesday, Sept. Maxwell Student Union Lounge for more information.

# Philosophy lectures

Cogito, and Philosophy program will be hosting a lecture featuring speaker, Dr. Robert Burton. Burton is the former chair of the Department of Philosophy the at University of Georgia. "The Problem of Phenomenological Houseman Consciousness" by Burton will be on Monday, Sept. 24 at 2 p.m. in the A&S Auditorium. For more information, contact James Winchester at 478-445-2178.

# **Exhibit at Blackbridge**

"Modern Alters" by exhibit will run through Sept. 24 to Oct. 25 between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit is co-sponsored by Arts Unlimited.

Certified The admission is free.

## Comedy, "Sylvia," by A.R. Gurney opens

A comdey about a man, 26 at 2 p.m. in the his dog and the man's insanely jealous wife. Sounds clean enough but there might as well be sex, though, for all the sparks that fly between the man, a dissatisfied, The Philosophy club, middle-aged businessthe man named Greg and the dog, a feisty female stray named Sylvia.

> Sylvia opened at the Manhattan Theatre Club with Sarah Jessica Parker playing the title role of Sylvia, the dog. The production moved to Broadway (the John Theatre) shortly after and moved on to become the most produced play of the 1996-1997 season. To date, there have been 108 professional productions all over the world.

It will be playing in Russell Auditorium from Wednesday, Sept. 26 through Satruday, The Department of Art is Sept. 29 at 8 p.m. For hosting the art exhibit more information about the play and the cost, call Bridget Conn. The the Department of Music and Theatre at 478-445-4226.

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